



# Highway Committee

## Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.  
Cortland, NY 13045  
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Tuesday, September 12, 2017

10:00 AM

Room 304

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair Charles Sudbrink

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas P. Hartnett	District 3 - Committee Member	Present	
Richard Bushnell	District 4 - Committee Member	Excused	
Gordon Wheelock	District 10 - Committee Member	Excused	
Joseph Steinhoff	District 12 - Vice Chair	Excused	
Charles Sudbrink	Chair	Present	
Linda Jones	District 9 - Committee Member	Present	
Christopher Newell	District 11 - Committee Member	Present	
Donnell Boyden	Legislative District 8	Present	
Karen Howe	County Attorney	Present	
Eric Mulvihill	Clerk, County Legislature	Present	
Chris Carrick	CNY Regional Planning Board	Present	
Ralph Canfield	Treasurer	Present	
Nick Graziano	Cortland Standard	Present	
Robert Howe	Election Commissioner	Present	
Larry Jones	Homer Town Councilman	Present	
John Troy	District 1	Present	
George Wagner	District 15	Present	

### MINUTES

1. Highway Committee - Committee Meeting - Aug 8, 2017 9:00 AM

### RESOLUTIONS

#### Airport

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to Execute a Letter of Intent Confirming Cortland County's Intent to Enter into Formal Contract Negotiations with Abundant Solar Power, Inc., for Development of a Solar Energy System on Certain County Properties and Authorizing Abundant Solar Power, Inc., and the Central New York Regional Planning Board to Conduct Investigations and Analysis Required for a Pre-Development Report for Consideration by the Legislature at No Cost to the County. - County Planning Department - **Approved**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Authorize Lease of Hangar Building MH-3, Cortland County Airport - Highway Department - **Approved**

#### Dwyer Park

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Increase Daily Rental Rates at Dwyer Park Shelters - Highway Department - **Approved**

## **Highway Department**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – Amend Contract/Town of Cincinnatus/Snow and Ice-County and State Roads/Highway Department - **Approved**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – Amend Resolution No. 155-17 Authorizing Agreement/ New York State Department of Transportation for the Cheningo Solon Pond Large Culvert Replacement - Highway Department - **Approved**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – Rescind Resolution No. 307-11 - Highway Capital Plan Bonding - Highway Department - **Approved**

## **DISCUSSION/REPORTS**

### **Discussion Items**

1. Rescind Resolution No. 307-11 - Highway Capital Plan Bonding

The committee discussed the rationale of rescinding the Highway Capital Plan Bonding. Mr. Boyden asked Mr. Canfield to weigh in on the proposal. Mr. Krey said his 2018 budget proposal includes borrowed money for bridge and culvert replacement. Mr. Sudbrink said eliminating the bonded money will have no impact on employees as these bonded projects are bid to outside contractors as a result no positions would be lost as a result of this reduction. Mr. Sudbrink said with increases in State revenue the County should evaluate each project based on available funds.

2. September 2017 Highway Department Report

Mr. Krey reviewed his monthly report. He discussed the expected completion of the East River Road project as well as oil and stone work to be completed. He said section II of the East River Road rehabilitation project will be moved to 2018 along with the funding for that work. Mr. Krey said the schedule was altered due to the heavy storms and flooding in July.

Mr. Krey provided an update regarding progress on the Jet A fuel terminal. He said he expects the design to complete this year but the Federal Aviation Administration requires an update on the airport layout plan as part of the project. Mr. Krey said he is hopeful the FAA will allow for a minor revision of the layout plan if not it will delay construction of the fuel terminal. Mr. Boyden asked Mr. Krey if Mr. Dan McNeil of McNeil insurance has been made aware of the potential delay in the project. Mr. Krey said he would make notification.

Ms. Jones inquired about the loss of a Highway Department mechanic. Mr. Krey said the individual left for another position that possibly offered better wages.

Mr. Krey discussed concerns related to the East River Road rehabilitation project, he said some lessons have been learned and best management practices developed as a result of some issues that occurred during the construction process. He expects a much improved process when the highway crews begin phase II in 2018. Larry Jones of East River Road Homer spoke to the committee and raised several issues regarding the East River Road paving and rehabilitation project. Mr. Jones was critical of Mr. Krey and the decisions made with respect to manpower and

equipment used for the project and the quality of work that was performed. Mr. Jones said he believes the new road will not withstand the volume of traffic it receives. Mr. Jones also said he and others living on the road were upset with the lack of communication during the project and the alleged damage caused to vehicles of those living on the road. Mr. Robert Howe of 2188 East River Road engaged in a debate with Mr. Krey regarding statements over funding that was allocated for the project. Mr. Krey refuted the allegations that the process used to rehabilitate the road was inferior and the result of budget cuts. He said the process used is a standing practice and the materials used for the project were DOT approved. Mr. Jones says he does not believe the County is prepared to construct roads and asserted that the County Highway Department should only be in the practice of maintaining roads given the quality of the work performed. Mr. Krey urged patience to see how well the road and the process used hold up. Mr. Don Miller of East River Road asked that the speed and weight limit of the road be reduced to account for the type of paving used and to ease wear and tear on the road. Mr. Sudbrink credited Mr. Krey and believes that the issues that occurred with the project have been rectified.